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"How Social Networking Can Reinvigorate American Democracy and Civic Participation"

[Darrell M. West](#), et al. The Brookings Institution, June 28, 2011. How does social networking improve participation and collaboration in governance? What role should industry actors such as Facebook and Twitter play in encouraging online civic participation? The authors discuss the use of social networking and digital tools in reinvigorating democracy and extending electronic engagement from campaigns and grassroots-activism to governance.

Video and audio only. Available online at: <http://goo.gl/Sf405>

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"The Influence of Civic Education on Electoral Engagement and Voting"

[Diana Owen](#). **Paper Presented at APSA's Teaching and Learning Conference**, February 11-13, 2011, 25 pages.

The author, Associate Professor of Political Science at Georgetown University, examines the relationship of civic education to politicization by testing the hypotheses related to voting and campaign involvement.

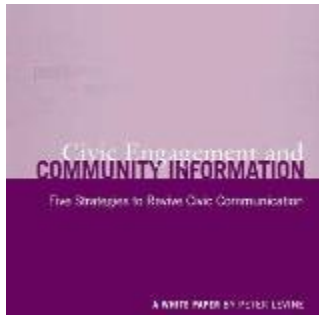
Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/kWeQG> [MS Word format; 61KB]

"Civic Education and Social Media Use"

Suzanne Soule, et al. **Paper Presented at the 2010 Annual American Political Science Association Conference**, September 1, 2010, 44 pages.

The authors examine the factors that influence the use of social media for politics and the possibility that formal civics training provides a foundation for civic engagement that is conducive to the use of novel methods of engaging the polity.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/06UAD> [PDF format; 206KB]



"Civic Engagement and Community Information: Five Strategies to Revive Civic Communication"

[Peter Levine](#). *A White Paper on the Civic Engagement Recommendations of the Knight Commission on the Information Needs of Communities in a Democracy*, 2011, 40 pages.

The author, Director of The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, offers five strategies to revive civic communication and foster a more productive, more democratic culture of civic engagement.

Full text currently available at: <http://goo.gl/VEPdN> [PDF format; 1.01MB]

WEB RESOURCES

The Aspen Institute

<http://www.aspeninstitute.org>

The Aspen Institute's mission is to foster values-based leadership, encouraging individuals to reflect on the ideals and ideas that define a good society, and to provide a neutral and balanced venue for discussions and actions on critical issues.

The Center for Civic Education

<http://www.civiced.org>

The Center for Civic Education is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational corporation dedicated to promoting an enlightened and responsible citizenry committed to democratic principles and actively engaged in the practice of democracy in the United States and other countries.

The Center for Civic Participation

<http://www.centerforcivicparticipation.org>

The Center for Civic Participation's mission is to increase civic engagement by individuals and organizations in ways that both strengthen U.S. democratic institutions and encourage public involvement in civic life. The Center's priority is to work in communities that have been historically underrepresented in U.S. democratic process.

CIRCLE

<http://www.civicyouth.org/>

Founded in 2001 with a generous grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts, CIRCLE (The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement) conducts research on the civic and political engagement of young Americans.

The Knight Commission on the Information Needs of Communities in a Democracy

<http://www.knightcomm.org>

The Commission's aims are to maximize the availability and flow of credible local information; to enhance access and capacity to use the new tools of knowledge and exchange; and to encourage people to engage with information and each other within their geographic communities.

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